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**Environment Secretary Ron Curry Approves Sandoval County Landfill
Permit with Conditions to Protect Local Health and Environment**

(Santa Fe, NM) — New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry has approved Sandoval County's request to renew, modify and expand the solid waste facility permit covering its existing landfill located near Rio Rancho. This landfill serves southern Sandoval County, Rio Rancho and several Pueblos. A public hearing on this matter was held in Bernalillo on May 11, 2005.

"I have approved this permit because I am confident that this landfill has been and can continue to be operated in a safe manner," said Secretary Curry.

The Sandoval County landfill permit is good for 20 years. This permit includes a mandatory review after 10 years. This interim review is required of all municipal landfills. This review will include an analysis of landfill's operation, compliance, and environmental monitoring. Adjustments to the permit may be made at this time if necessary to assure compliance with all environmental laws and regulations, and to assure operation in a manner that does not constitute a hazard to public health, welfare or the environment.

The Sandoval County landfill plans to expand into an adjacent 63 acres. Planned improvements to the landfill include a new covered convenience center, a new public recycling drop-off program, and waste tire reprocessing.

Sandoval County's permit also includes requirements to furnish NMED's Solid Waste Bureau with a major milestone schedule before landfill expansion commences, and submit a Liner Certification Report to the Department prior to any disposal in expanded areas. Sandoval County's renewed permit only allows one type of special waste to be accepted: petroleum contaminated soil and sludge.

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